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Application 08/833,342

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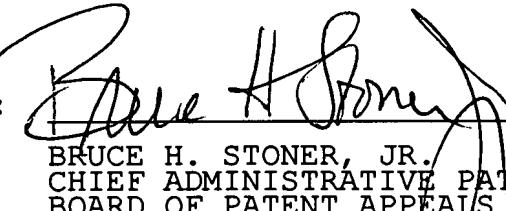
On February 5, 2001, a Petition (Paper No. 35) was filed by the applicant requesting transfer of the application to and proper advancement of the Appeal proceeding before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (Board). On February 15, 2001, Applicant filed another Petition (Paper No. 36) requesting that the application file be promptly transferred to the Board. These Petitions are being considered together by the Board.

The application is now in the custody of the Board, and has

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been processed and assigned an appeal number as noted on the front page of this letter.

The Request regarding transference of the application to the Board is dismissed as moot. As for the Request that the Board act on the appeal at its earliest convenience, that Request is granted to the extent that the appeal will be advanced in the normal order.

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